

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Privacy and security are essential to all aspects of today's health care system; and,

Whereas, Health Information Management (HIM) assures that privacy and security are achieved in health care delivery; and,

Whereas, Health Information Management is dedicated to the privacy and security of patient information and health care data needed to deliver quality treatment and care to the public; and,

Whereas, Privacy and security are critical roles of a health information management professional as the health care industry moves further into the information age; and,

Whereas, Having skilled health information management professionals on staff makes certain an organization has the right information available when and where it is needed, while maintaining the highest standards of data integrity, confidentiality, and security; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Health Information Management Association (SDHIMA) is recognized as the premier source of health information management knowledge in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The SDHIMA promotes awareness of the critical need for healthcare professionals, institutions, and consumers to protect the privacy, confidentiality, and security of health information; and,

Whereas, The SDHIMA believes that quality health care through quality information is the key to protection; and,

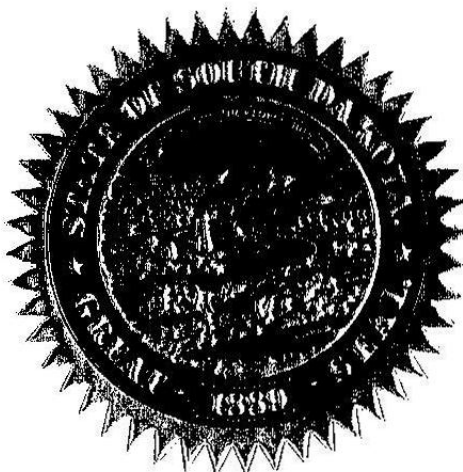
Whereas, The health information management professionals have continuing values and goals, individually and collectively, to improve the quality and efficiency of health care information, to balance patient confidentiality, the right to privacy with data usage of health information, and to promote the impact of the information in reflecting and influencing the quality of health care:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2010, as

HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY AND SECURITY WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage the promotion of this year's theme, "United in a Mission to Protect Information."

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State